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CLAIMS

What is claimed:

1) A method for playing a casino game of chance for a bet with random entry from a base game to a bonus game of the casino game of chance, the method comprising the steps of play:

depicting to the player, before play of the base game, information about a plurality of aspects for playing the bonus game;

allowing the player to pre-select one of the plurality of aspects for playing the bonus game before play of the base game, and

basing the play of the bonus game upon the pre-selected aspect of the bonus game so that the playing of the bonus game is customized by the player in accord with the pre-selected aspect.

- 2) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 with the step of playing the bonus game including presenting questions and permitting choices of answers about trivia to the player.
- 3) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 with the step of allowing pre-selection of one of a plurality of aspects including the step of choosing one of a plurality of categories for questions.
- 4) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 2 with the step of allowing pre-selection of one of a plurality of aspects including the step of choosing one of a plurality of categories including the difficulty of the questions.
- 5) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 with the step of allowing pre-selection including choosing the aspect based on the player adeptness for answering trivia questions from a group of different categories.
- 6) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 with the step of allowing pre-selection also changing at least the triggering symbols required during play of the base game on a slot machine for entry into the bonus game.

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- 7) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 6 with the step of allowing pre-selection also changing the symbols to be thematic with the pre-selected aspect of the bonus game.
- 8) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 with the step of allowing pre-selection of sets for choosing by the player on the video touch screen of the casino game of chance.
- 9) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 8 with the step of allowing pre-selection having wedges of a circle for the plurality of aspect for choosing by the player.
- 10) The method of playing the casino game of chance of claim 1 with the step of allowing pre-selection having a menu list wherein the plurality of aspects appear for choosing by the player.
- 11) A method for playing a casino game of chance for a bet with random entry from a base game to a bonus game of the casino game of chance, the method comprising the steps of play:

depicting to the player information about a plurality of aspects for playing the bonus game;

allowing the player to pre-select one of the plurality of aspects for playing the bonus game and

basing the play of the bonus game upon the pre-selected aspect of the bonus game so that the playing of the bonus game is customized by the player in accord with the pre-selected aspect.

- 12) The method of claim 11 wherein the steps of depicting and allowing occur during play of the base game.
- 13) The method of claim 11 wherein the steps of depicting and allowing occur upon entry to the play of the bonus game.